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Trudeau Bars U.S.-Style CIA For Canada

Ottawa—Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau has rejected proposals to give Canada a U.S.-style Central Intelligence Agency, preferring to keep counter-espionage under control of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

A Royal commission set up two years ago to study security matters in Canada had recommended a CIA or British M-15 organization run by civilians. This agency would have taken over security and intelligence operations from the RCMP.

Trudeau said he felt that setting up a new intelligence outfit would bring greater danger of infiltration by enemy agents. He declared that penetration into the RCMP would be almost impossible considering that force's loyalty and expertise.

Cites Infiltration

Trudeau noted with misgivings how the British secret service had suffered a black eye through infiltration by Soviet agent Kim Philby.

Trudeau also said the proposed security branch might arouse suspicion among the public and Parliament. He said citizens would be concerned about an agency that reported only to the government and which did not have the respect enjoyed by the RCMP.

The royal commission had wanted the director of the security agency to have powers akin to the governor of the Bank of Canada. The director

would be responsible to a cabinet minister but could report directly to the prime minister if he so desired.

The commission was not wholly satisfied with the Mounties' security work. It found the RCMP had failed to alert the government to some security dangers.

Police Criticised

The police were also criticised for conducting security interviews "with a certain lack of tact and imagination."

Trudeau plans to expand the Mounties and improve their in-

telligence and security directorate. More university graduates will be recruited and the directorate, although remaining within the RCMP, will take on more of a civilian nature.

One matter reported by the Royal Commission, which the prime minister appeared to agree with, was that extremist separatists in Quebec pose a greater danger to Canada than Communists. The commission insisted that these separatists be kept out of the government service and the armed forces.

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